12.	Asian Instt. of Gasteroenterology Pvt. Ltd., 6-3-652, Dhruvatara Apptt., Somajiguda, Hyderabad.	Gasteroenterology diagnostic and Therapeutic Purposes
13.	Medinova Diagnostic Services, 6-3-652, Somajiguda, Hyderabad.	General and Specialized Pathological and diagnostic procedures except MRI and CT Scan.
14.	Dr. V. Nandan Singh's Diagnostic Center, 4-1-897, Tilak Road, Hyderabad.	General Pathological and Radiological diagnostic procedures.

Trial of vaccines to control HIV

†564. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government and a number of high level organizations in the country have considered on giving a call to the youth (males and females) to come forward voluntarily for the experiment of vaccines being developed to control HIV;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the said process is likely to be initiated; and

(d) the details of the success achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, the National AIDS Control Organization, Indian Council of Medical Research and International AIDS Vaccine Initiative have signed a memorandum of understanding for development and trial of vaccine appropriate for use in India based on Subtype-C virus.

An experimental vaccine has been developed under this Programme in collaboration with Therion Biological of USA.

The vaccine, at present, is undergoing pre-clinical toxicity and Immunogenicity studies in animals. After obtaining satisfactory result

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

in the these animal studies, appropriate regulatory clearances will be obtained before human phase-I trial is conducted in normal healthy adults (Both Men and Women) at low or no risk of acquiring HIV infection.

Presently there is no call given to youth for participation in the trial.

Radiation therapy machines

565. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rediation therapy machines in AIIMS and LNJP Hospital are lying idle for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons for not putting them in operational condition; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) In All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, no radiation therapy machines is lying idle. In LNJP Hospital which is the Govt. of NCT, Delhi the Brachytherapy machine which is 13 year old is not operational with effect from 23-10-2003. Major repairs in that machine have been advised by the Maintenance Engineers.

Protection of patient's rights

566. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered appointing impartial ombudsmen for observers in Government hospitals to protect patients' rights and ensure staff accountability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the existing machinery to keep a watch on the negligence or improper/inadequate treatment given to patients;

(d) whether the existing machinery is working satisfactorily; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to fine-tune the mechanism for providing better services to the patients and also to ensure greater accountability of the hospital staff?